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AMENDMENT

S I R:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated April 3, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 20 without prejudice as follows:

1. (Amended) A powdered metal composite material, comprising:
at least two oxides encapsulating powdered metal particles, the at least two oxides forming at least one common phase.

9. (Amended) A starting material, comprising:
a powdered metal for production of a powdered metal composite material; and